THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT [DR. (SHRIMATI) RIVA VERMA]: (a) Yes, Sir. Requests have been received from the Government of Andhra Pradesh for providing additional funds on account of escalated project cost in respect of Sub-Mission Projects sanctioned by the Government of India prior to 1.4.1998.

(b) Government of Andhra Pradesh has sought additional funds of Rs. 148.93 crore on account of cost revision of Sub-Mission projects referred to above.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Migration of villagers in search of work in Orissa

423. SHRI H. K. JAVARE GOWDA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Government of Orissa has admitted that people particularly in the drought-hit Western Orissa were leaving their villages and migrating to other State in search of work as reproted in New Indian Express, Bhubaneswar dated the 21st June, 2001;

(b) whether it is a fact that the poverty alleviation programmes are not properly implemented; and

(c) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. VENKAIAH NAIDU): (a) Yes, sir. The State Government of Orissa has informed that many people of the drought affected areas of the districts migrated to neighbouring States like Chhattisgarh ahead of the usual migration situation. However, the State Government took up extensive drought mitigation measures by installing tube-wells, repairing old and defunct tube-wells, renovating a very large number of existing water sources and digging up new tanks. All habitations

were covered with drinking water sources and the problem of drinking water could be effectively mitigated. Added to this, extensive labour intensive works were taken up by spending funds to the tune of Rs. 76.64 crores from the Calamity Relief Fund and by utilising food-grains provided under the Food for Work Programme. The State Government of Orissa is of the opinion that there was a panic which induced migration for a temporary period and not out of distress arising due to drought situation.

(b) and (c) No Sir. As per the progress reports received from the State Government of Orissa, during 2000-2001, under EAS and JGSY, 80% and 86% of funds available were spent respectively on generation of employment and creation of rural infrastructure.

Role of local villagers in community-driven programmes

424. SHRI NARENDRA MOHAN: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that recently in one of the meetings of the FAO's Committee on World Food Security the role of local villagers in community-driven programmes was stressed wherein they have started experimenting water harvesting, protecting watersheds thereby substantially increasing agriculture production and foresty, etc;

(b) if so, whether the Ministry has launched any such scheme with the active involvement of rural population; and

(c) if so, what are the details of such schemes and where these have been launched?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (DR. (SHRIMATI) RITA VERMA): (a) A Mission of the FAO Investment Centre Division visited the States of Gujarat, Rajasthan, Orissa and Madhya Pradesh during November, 2000 to assist Government of India in developing strategy for